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Proposed Claim Amendment

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1. (PROPOSED AMENDMENT) A method of controlling usage of a utility, the method comprising:

providing a control system at a consumer site;

receiving in said control system a representation of a utility service usage by a utility-consuming device, at a lead, said representation of utility usage comprising quantitative and qualitative values of an output of said device as well as quantitative and qualitative values of a utility input delivered to said device;

receiving and storing in said control system a usage range representation for said device comprising a pre-determined value of expected utility usage by said device; and

producing a control signal for use by a utility service-interrupter regulator, when said utility usage is outside of said usage range representation for said device, said control signal being operable to cause said utility service interrupter-regulator to interrupt or adjust a supply of said utility service to said-lead device.